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## *City of Huntsville announcements*

### Changes to parks, new street light outage report procedure

Several important changes are in effect or on their way for Huntsville residents, including a group of planned improvements to Eastham Thomason Park.

According to Matt Lumpkins, Director of Parks and Recreation, improvements including new sports areas and trail systems will become priority for the City in the coming months.

“We’ve got a lot of improvements budgeted for Eastham Thomason,” Lumpkins said. “Right now, we’re planning to install a second volleyball court, make improvements to our disc golf course, reinstall horse show pits, extend the trail system, replace the sand in the existing volleyball course, and erect one or more covered seating structures.

“We’re also discussing the addition of

shade structures at the Huntsville Aquatic Center and a cover for the competition pool, but those items have not been budgeted.”

Citizens should also be aware of a new procedure in place to be used in case of street light repair requests.

According to City Planner Aron Kulhavy, all street light repair requests should be sent directly to Entergy for processing.

Requests for repairs may be submitted by phone through the Entergy Customer Service Center at 1-800-368-3749, by fax at 1-800-995-8030, or online at <https://secure.entergy.com/forms/>.

Requests submitted online should receive a confirmation message.

For more information, contact Kulhavy at (936) 294-5793.

## Huntsville - It's time to winterize your water bills

Water meter usage for the months of November through February is used to calculate your new sewer average charge for the next year. Consciously reducing your water usage during these months could lower your sewer charge. You can reduce your usage by limiting or completely eliminating outside watering. The new sewer average charge will be effective with the April billing (due in May).

“Basically, the City of Huntsville would just like to advise residents to curtail any kind of outdoor watering, such as washing cars, in order to keep water consumption down during winter months,” said Jerri Weaver, City of Huntsville Billing and Revenue Manager. “Also, residents should be aware of any water leaks and make sure to have those repaired.”

For more information, contact City of Huntsville Utility Billing at (936) 291-5431.

## Citizens of Huntsville

*Be a part of Democracy in Action! Your input is requested and respected!  
We invite you to visit our City facilities, attend Council meetings and take part in your community!*

# Automated Curbside Recycling Pilot Begins January 7 in Elkins Lake



The City of Huntsville Solid Waste Services' six-month Automated Curbside Recycling Pilot begins in the Elkins Lake neighborhood on Jan. 7, and citizens are encouraged to take part in the pilot.

As of December 12, approximately 1,400 blue recycling carts were distributed to Elkins Lake residents to be used for the pilot every first and third Thursday until June 17.

At the conclusion of the pilot, Elkins Lake residents will be surveyed, and the City will evaluate the overall results of the program.

"Our first pick-up for the Automated Curbside Recycling Pilot will be on Jan. 7, and we'll have our second pick-up on Jan. 21," said Esther Herklotz, Solid Waste Superintendent. "On those days, residents are asked to have their blue recycling carts – filled with unbagged recyclable items – on their curbs in the same place they usually place their garbage carts.

"Your recycling cart must be at the street's edge by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day or as early as 8:00 p.m. on the night before a collection day. We ask that you remove your recycling cart from the street's edge by 10:00 p.m. each collection day."

Herklotz said items including small cardboard boxes, aluminum cans, newspapers, steel cans, office paper, magazines and plastics #1 through #7 will be accepted during the recycling pilot. The items should be placed loosely, not in bags, into the recycling carts for pick-up.

Items which will not be accepted, including

glass of any kind, will still be accepted at the City recycling center at 590 Interstate 45 North.

"We will not accept glass products of any kind during the recycling pilot," Herklotz said. "We ask that residents take special care not to dispose of any glass items in their recycling carts."

## Dates of recycling pick-up

During the recycling pilot, pick-ups will be on the first and third Thursday of every month with no call-in required. Only recycling items will be picked up on these days.

Each Monday, garbage will be picked up at the regular time from the regular green garbage carts.

The dates for recycling pick-up include Jan. 7 and 21, Feb. 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20 and June 3 and 17.

Near the end of the pilot, Solid Waste Services will mail surveys to Elkins Lake residents to gauge the results of the six-month collection period.

"We're going to mail surveys out in April, and we'll ask for them to be turned in by May," Herklotz said. "The surveys used will be similar to the surveys we sent out when we initiated automated trash pick-up.

"Once the surveys come back and the City Council votes one way or another, we'll know how to proceed."

With additional questions or for more information, contact the Solid Waste Services Department at (936) 294-5743.

## Police/Fire Statistics: November 2009

### Police:

♦ Calls for service:	<b>4115</b>
♦ Accidents investigated:	<b>93</b>
♦ Animal Control complaints investigated:	<b>70</b>

### Fire:

♦ Calls for service:	<b>97</b>
♦ Main alarm calls:	<b>19</b>



## Recycling Pilot Tips

Keep this sheet of tips and acceptable items handy as your household begins to recycle!

1. Please rinse out any plastics, aluminum or steel cans before placing them in your cart.
2. Flatten any small cardboard boxes - all cardboard must fit loosely into the cart. (No large boxes - i.e. moving boxes or appliance boxes)
3. Please DO NOT bag your recyclables.
4. Your recycling cart must be at the street's edge by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection days or as early as 8:00 p.m. on the night before a collection day.
5. Keep your recycling cart five feet away from all obstacles such as parked cars, mailboxes, telephone connection boxes, water meters, fences and walls.
6. Your recycling cart should ONLY be used for recycling collection. NO bags, garbage, non-City containers or items on the ground will be collected.
7. Your recyclables must fit easily into your cart. The lid of your cart must be closed to prevent spillage.
8. Remove your recycling cart from the street's edge by 10 p.m. on your collection day.
9. The Curbside Recycling Pilot is scheduled to BEGIN on Thursday, January 7, 2010. PLEASE DO NOT use the cart prior to this starting date.

### Acceptable Recyclable Items which CAN be placed in your Blue Recycling Cart

(The following items can be placed in your cart, but please do not bag any of the items)

Small cardboard boxes

Aluminum cans

Newspaper

Steel cans

Office paper

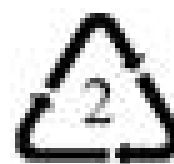
Magazines

Plastics #1 through #7

### How do I know if my plastic can be recycled or not?

Plastics #1—#7 will be indicated by a recycling symbol, (three arrows in a triangle shape), with a number 1 through 7 in the center.

For example, a #2 recyclable plastic would have an image such as the one below:



**HDPE**

### Items Which CANNOT be placed in your Blue Recycling Cart

(The following items are either too bulky, unsuitable for processing or too dangerous for curbside collection. Please do not place them in your recycling cart.)

Garbage -- Aluminum foil -- Plastic bags -- Microwaves -- Toys -- Batteries -- Glass -- Electronics  
Large cardboard boxes -- (Meaning any appliance box or other cardboard not broken down)  
Cell phones -- Styrofoam -- Hangers -- Electric toothbrushes -- Plastics other than #1 through #7

# Polar Bear Word Search

P O L A N R Y R A T I L O S B  
 E L A R O S R I V R A L K O D  
 I A A K M P R E D A T O R B E  
 G A R N A S A S S V T H E E L  
 W N A R D G E H S E T F T O U  
 E R O V I N R A C L R F N O O  
 B T E R C D C R A F W C U B S  
 B R N I T V O P R A E A H S O  
 E N S E S S A C R R T H T A N  
 D D D W G N O L T E E F N E T  
 F F A E I T H A E Y O F E T R  
 E P U G N M E W N L E T I H W  
 E I V R E S M S U P T O T T W  
 T E M A R I N E M A M M A L N  
 T Y F L I Y V E R Y E A P R S

Find these words, all of which are related to Polar Bears!



CARNIVORE	PREDATOR
CUBS	SHARP CLAWS
DENS	SOLITARY
FURRY	STRONG
LAND	SWIMMER
LARGE	TEN FEET LONG
MARINE	TRAVEL FAR
MAMMAL	WATER
NOMADIC	WEBBED FEET
PAWS	WHITE

## Calendar

### January 2010

- 1 City offices closed—New Year's Day
- 5 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 6 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 13 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796
- 18 City offices closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 19 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 27 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796

### February 2010

- 2 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 3 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 10 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796
- 16 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 17 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 24 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796

Please note: All requests for Heavy Trash pick-up must be made no later than noon on Monday, the week of the pick-up.

## Stay Connected

In addition to the City of Huntsville's own Web site, [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov), citizens can also go to Facebook or Twitter to keep up with City news.

On Facebook.com, just search "City of Huntsville" and become a fan. Or, follow us on Twitter through <http://twitter.com/HuntsvilleTexas>.

City Council meetings are also available live through streaming video feed on the Sam Houston State University Web page,

[http://www.shsu.edu/~com\\_www/](http://www.shsu.edu/~com_www/).

Once on the page, follow the City Council Live Stream link.